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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

S. R. Young, Martin Church, Pattison
J. N. Miller, Pleasant Hill Church, Allen.
D. W. McLeod, Port Gibson Church, Port Gibson.
A. C. Brown, Rodney Church.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1917.

Place of Meeting—Beech Grove
Time of Meeting—Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1917.
Associational Sermon—J. N. Miller
Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—J. N. Miller.
Alternate—Dr. J. V. May.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions—S. R. Young.
Orphanage—E. W. Davis.
Sunday Schools—J. D. Wallace.
Ministerial Relief—Dr. J. V. May.
Prohibition—H. L. Coleman.
Christian Education—L. L. Posey
Family Worship—Edgar Edwards.
B. Y. P. U.—Mrs. A. M. Stewart.
W. M. U.—Mrs. L. L. Posey.

PROCEEDINGS

The ninety-sixth session of the Union Baptist Association convened with Hermanville Baptist Church, October 26, 1916.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. N. Miller.

The Moderator and Clerk being absent, L. L. Posey was elected Moderator pro tem. and D. W. McLeod Clerk pro tem.

Dr. J. V. May and Edgar Edwards were appointed Reading Clerks. The following churches were represented by letter and messengers:

Antioch—J. F. Conn.

Beech Grove—W. H. Rogers, C. L. Young.

Brushy Fork—W. R. Trim, R. B. Greenlee.

Fayette—L. L. Posey, Mrs. L. L. Posey, Miss Ida McIntosh.

Fellowship—Edgar Edwards, Mrs. J. D. Drane.

Hermanville—H. L. Coleman, J. H. Barrett, J. A. Lord, S. E. Dudley.

Martin—S. R. Young.

New Providence—By letter.

Pleasant Hill—Leon Varnido, A. L. Smith, W. J. McKinney, Mrs. Mabel Furr, Mrs. D. L. Furr, Miss Lavella McKinney.

Piedmont—Jeff Cupit, Jr.

Port Gibson—D. W. McLeod, Dr. J. V. May, E. W. Davis.

Unity—Wm. Holder, Bertha Holder, Anna Harrington.

Red Lick—By letter.

On motion, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: L. L. Posey, Moderator; D. W. McLeod, Clerk; C. L. Young, Treasurer.

On motion, the usual order of business adopted.

The call for petitionary letters extended, when Elmo Church was received by letter and messengers enrolled, as follows: A. E. Thomas, J. A. Dorsey.

On motion, Rule 11 of the Rules of Decorum be amended, limiting the speeches of those presenting reports to this Association to 15 minutes, and other speakers to 10 minutes.

Report on Missions was read by H. L. Coleman and discussed by Bro. Coleman and Prof. B. G. Lowery. Adopted. See Appendix A.

Adjourned to 1:30 p.m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called together with singing. Prayer by Prof. B. G. Lowery.

Bro. J. N. Miller read the report on Christian Education, which was discussed by Prof. B. G. Lowery and adopted. (Appendix B.)

Nominating Committee: Dr. J. V. May, Edgar Edwards, S. E. Dudley.

Finance Committee—H. L. Coleman, Leon Varnido, E. W. Davis.

Report on Sunday Schools read by Dr. J. V. May and after discussion

by Dr. May, H. L. Coleman, L. L. Posey, N. A. Edmonds, S. E. Dudley, D. W. McLeod, J. N Miller and Edgar Edwards, report was adopted. (Appendix C.)

L. L. Posey read the report on Prohibition. The report was discussed by L. L. Posey, D. W. McLeod, N. A. Edmonds and Prof. B. G. Lowery and adopted. (Appendix D.)

On motion, the Moderator was instructed to name two men in each church, who shall be asked to co-operate with the Anti-Saloon League in distributing prohibition literature, and to assist in any way possible the cause of Prohibition, until the electon, November 7th.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing. Devotional exercises conducted by D. W. McLeod.

The Moderator being absent, S. R. Young was elected Moderator pro tem.

Report on Publications was read by Edgar Edwards, and after discussions by Bro. Edwards, N. A. Edmonds, D. W. McLeod, J. M. McKay, was adopted. (Appendix E.)

Report on Ministerial Relief was read by S. R. Young, and after discussions by Bro. Young, H. L. Coleman, L. L. Posey, D. W. McLeod, J. M. McKay, report was adopted. (Appendix F.)

After adopting the report, a collection was taken for the aged ministers, amounting to $6.81.

Report of the W. M. U. was read by L. L. Posey. It was discussed by Bro. Posey, D. W. McLeod, J. M. McKay, H. L. Coleman and N. A. Edmonds. Adopted. (Appendix G.)

Report on Christian Hospitals was read by S. E. Dudley. Discussed by Bro. Dudley and N. A. Edmonds. Adopted. (Appendix H.)

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 p.m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at the appointed hour. After singing and prayer by N. A. Edmonds, the list of delegates was revised and corrected.

There being no report present on the Orphanage, this phase of our denominational work was discussed by S. R. Young, N. A. Edmonds and L. L. Posey. After discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, that this Association fully endorses the work done by Bro. Carter and his co-laborers at the Baptist Orphanage, and that we urge every church within our bounds to make a liberal contribution to the Orphanage in November.

There being no report on Family Worship, this subject was discussed by S. R. Young, N. A. Edmonds, Edgar Edwards, J. M. McKay and D. W. McLeod.

Report of the Finance Committee was read by H. L. Coleman. Dis-

cussed by Bro. Coleman and L. L. Posey. Adopted. (Appendix I.)

Report of the Nominating Committee was read by S. E. Dudley and adopted. (Appendix J.)

The following try pledges were made for Ministerial Education:

Antioch—J. T. Conn, Glancy, collection.

Fellowship—Edgar Edwards, Lorman, collection.

Hermanville—H. L. Coleman, Hermanville, collection.

Port Gibson—Dr. J. V. May, Port Gibson, collection.

Pleasant Hill—J. N. Miller, Allen, collection.

Unity—J. N. Miller, Allen, collection.

Fayette—L. L. Posey, Fayette, $10.00.

Elmo—A. E. Thomas, Perth, collection.

Treasurer's Report was received and adopted, after discussion. (Appendix K.)

Delegates to State Convention—L. L. Posey, Mrs. Posey, S. R. Young.

Correspondence.

To Cary Association—S. R. Young, L. L. Posey.

Clerk was instructed to have the minutes of the Association printed and distributed, and to draw on the Treasurer for expenses and salary.

The Moderator tendered the thanks of the body to the people of Hermanville and vicinity for their hospitality.

The Association adjourned to meet with Beech Grove Church, Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1917.

L. L. POSEY, Moderator.
D. W. McLeod, Clerk.

The annual meeting of the W. M. U. of the Union Association was held in the Methodist Church at Hermanville, Friday, October 27.

Devotional services conducted by Mrs. A. J. Aren, a part of the eighth chapter of John being used as the text for her remarks.

We then had the roll call of societies and responses from same, reports showing what had been accomplished during the past year; was both interesting and very encouraging.

Three interesting and instructive papers were read: "Foreign Missions," by Mrs J. V. May; "Home Missions," by Miss Luvella McKinney, and "Our Training School," by Miss Ida McIntosh.

Mrs. Aven closed the morning session with a few forcible remarks on things societies should do: Personal service work, support the training school, use the prayer calendar and study the Royal Service.

Then our beloved Miss Traylor, in her bright, cheerful way, talked to us about the work of the "Graded Union."

Next in order was election of Superintendent for another year, and Mrs. Posey was unanimously elected.

A motion was made and carried that W. M. U. of Union Association pay the expenses of Superintendent for another year.

Miss Traylor conducted the closing consecration service, bringing us some lasting thoughts of the "Great God We Serve."

APPENDIX A.—REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence says: "Missions is the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who need to know it, so that they, hearing about Christ's redemptive work, may come to believe on Christ and be saved; and the further preaching of the gospel to the saved, so that those who have received Him as Savior may come to be obedient to His will."

This being true, then Missions is the foundation on which all Christian development rests, Christ being the chief cornerstone. God has always given His approval to Mission work, and the person or church that does not actively engage in Mission work will soon become stagnant and a stench in the nostrils of God.

Christians all over the land need to get a clearer conception of what Christ meant when He said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." John 20-21. And "Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" Acts 1:8. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Dr. Yates says the hope of the heathen world, under God, depends upon well organized and well trained churches at home.

Sixteen years ago we, the Mississippi Baptists, raised scarcely $15,000 for all Missions, and now we are giving nearly $100,000. And $65,000 of this amount comes from churches that, in the past, have received help from our Board. So the helping of the weak churches at home has proven to be a good thing in forming the base of supply, which we are bound to have in order to carry on the work in other fields. But we are still in need of more means to sustain the work already established on the foreign fields and to make the advances we should make.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. COLEMAN.

APPENDIX B.—CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Man is so constituted that he is, without training, a prisoner of darkness. He is living within the narrow confines of nature's endowments, compassed about by ignorance and enshrouded with superstition. This being true, no soul can expand, bask in the light and enjoy the freedom that God intended it should have and enjoy unless these bonds have been removed by Christian training.

About a century ago, the Baptists of Mississippi seemed to recognize this and invested in an institution at Clinton that had for its mission setting at liberty young men of our State, who were bound, broadening their minds, enriching their hearts and expanding their souls. So successful has been its work that today the globe is practically belted with those who have gone out from under its influence, and these are, with very few exceptions, lifting their respective communities to higher and nobler conceptions of what it takes to constitute man and womanhood.

Clark Memorial and our newly established Woman's College are yet in their infancy, but have been a success from their birth. They are already giving to our homes, schools and places of business young men and young women who have a world-wide program for their lives and are shedding an influence for good wherever they are found.

We need a better educated ministry, but if you will supplement what we have with such talent as can come only from our denominational schools to direct our Sunday Schools, W. M. U.'s and Sunbeam Bands and Royal Ambassadors, we will take the world for Christ.

I believe there is no better way of hastening the coming of God's Kingdom among us than to relieve these institutions of any strain that may be on them just now, and use them to the limit of their

capacity The loyalty of every Baptist in Mississippi is challenged while our educational commission is striving to so equip these institutions that they will meet the demands of the denomination . We must respond with our means, prayers and patronage.

"Cast thy bread upon the water and thou shalt find it many days after."

APPENDIX C.—REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg to make the following report:

Of the 16 churches in the Union Association, seven reported Sunday Schools, less than half, numerically.

The Union Association reports a church membership of 1,071. There are 397 Sunday School pupils in the Association. Granting the 397 Sunday School pupils are church members (which is not so), then less than 40 per cent. of Union Association is active in Sunday School work.

Antioch, Beech Grove, Brushy Fork, Bethesda, Fellowship, Martin, New Providence and Rodney report no work in the Sunday School. In the above churches are a combined membership of 434, who are not interesting themselves in their great work.

We are told as great as 90 per cent. of conversions come through the Sunday School. The Union Association must maintain the Sunday School if they expect to grow and go.

J. V. MAY, Committee.

APPENDIX D.—REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

I do not undertake, in this report, to announce anything new on the subject of prohibition. It has no new field to be explored. Prohibition, of course, as we apply the term, means to prevent, or stop, the terrible influences of liquor, which are known and read of all men. Therefore, in dealing with the subject, we need not take time to add new tragedies to its awful category of crime and death-dealing paths. It is our duty as Christian people to go forth into the many walks of the human race and break down every barrier that has been erected by liquor and its misdirected advocates, which brings grief to the father, breaks the heart of the mother in her declining years, cuts to the heart every ray of hope of the promising young man—yea, brings untimely end—DEATH.

Liquor in its mad rage fosters every known disease, rewards the idler and begets crime It makes the child, the hope of our land, fatherless, and widows of wives. It is the fountain from which come descensions and victims for the jails, penitentiaries and the scaffolds; from which springs the gambler's dive and out of which rises the sentiment of every crime which is covered by the shadow of night. We know the defiling influences and stains which liquor hath wrought. Therefore, let us busy ourselves to eliminate it from the ballot box, the jury panel, the judge's seat and our legislative halls. Let us create in the heart of the patriotic American citizen the desire to put this death-dealing stuff beyond American borders; let him know that it is the armor of the devil, the arch enemy of God, and that wherever nurtured it brings devastation and ruin. Respectfully submitted,

L. L. POSEY.

APPENDIX E.—REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

It is vitally necessary, for one to become a well-rounded Christian,

that the mind be stored with a knowledge of religious literature. By the constant reading of God's holy word we can acquaint ourselves with His plans and purposes concerning His kingdom here among men. The Bible should be the text-book of God's children, from which they should gain knowledge, inspiration, courage and contentment. It is only too true that, with many, the rush of business and worldly affairs is causing them to neglect God's word and thereby dwarfing their spiritual natures. With the great number of good books and wholesome literature at our command, and almost for the asking, it seems like a crime for us to deny our families this privilege. Brethren, should we not give attention to what our children are reading and be sure that it is not the trashy and harmful kind? We should take and read our State paper, that we may become more interested in this work. With 165,000 Baptists in the State, there are only 6,500 subscribers to the Record. "The Home and Foreign Fields," published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, beginning with November number, will keep us posted about this great work and fill our hearts with joy as we learn of the wonderful results from our feeble efforts. Then taking the Orphanage Gem, we keep in touch with this benevolent institution and its needs.

EDGAR EDWARDS, Committee.

APPENDIX F.—REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

No object fostered by our denomination deserves our maintenance more than our ministers, who have spent their lieves in the service of the Lord, and by reason of old age or disease are no longer able to earn a support We therefore believe that it is the duty of the church to provide for them, and see to it that they and their dependent ones do not suffer for the things of this life.

We therefore urge the churches of this Association to take a collection for this work in December and send to the Secretary of the Convention Board at Jackson, Miss., that those who have worn themselves out in the work of the Lord and for the good of others may know that they are not forgotten by those whom they have served.

S. R. YOUNG, Committee.

APPENDIX G.—REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION TO THE UNION ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 23, 1915, TO OCTOBER 26, 1916.

This year's work is our first effort to work together, and the small degree of success which we have attained has given to us that stimulant which we needed—encouragement.

In order to state accurately what has been done, this report consists largely of a statistical report, as follows:

Number of letters and packages sent by Superintendent, 95.
Cost of postage on these, $2.08.
Number of trips made, 2.
Cost of tickets, $1.62.
Total amount of expenses, $3.70.
Number of societies organized during the year, 3.
Number of Sunbeam Bands in Association, 1.
Number of organizations for young people and children fostered by W. M. S., 1.
Number of rallies held, 2.

The first Rally was held at Hermanville. Miss Traylor was with

us, and her talk was both helpful and inspiring. The second was at Fayette, and Miss Lackey's talks there were brimming full of helpful information, suggestions and inspiration.

It was the privilege of the Superintendent to represent the societies of the Association at the State Convention at Hattiesburg, and at the Southern Baptist Convention at Asheville.

Contributions as reported by Woman's Missionary Societies.

State Missions—Fellowship, $5.00; Pleasant Hill, $5.00; Port Gibson, $7.50. Unity, $2.50; Fayette, $16.00.

Foreign Missions—Fellowship, $10.00; Hermanville, $3.00; Pleasant Hill, $10.00; Port Gibson, $8.70; Unity, $1.00; Fayette, $22.50.

Orphanage—Fellowship, $5.00; Hermanville, $13.75; Pleasant Hill, $5.00; Port Gibson, $17.00; Fayette, $6.00.

College—Port Gibson, $3.00; Fayette, $10.00.

Home Uses—Fellowship, $87.65; Pleasant Hill, $20.75; Port Gibson, $83.25; Red Lick, $20.00; Unity, $1.75; Fayette, $14.35.

Home Missions—Fellowship, $7.50. Hermanville, $13.90; Pleasant Hill, $5.00; Port Gibson, $7.70; Red Lick, $5.00.

Christmas Offering—Fayette, $4.25.

Hospital—Hermanville, $3.00; Pleasant Hill, $2.50; Port Gibson, $4.50; Fayette, $5.00.

Christian Education—Fellowship, $10.00; Port Gibson, $5.00; Fayette, $10.00.

Training School—Fellowship, $2.00; Pleasant Hill, $7.50; Port Gibson, $2.50; Fayette, $8.50.

March, Week Prayer—Mountain School, $1.50; Fayette, $2.60.

Jubilate—Port Gibson, $2.50; Fayette, $36.00.

Charity—Fellowship, $5.00; Fayette, $18.00.

Box to Foreign Missionary—Fayette, $6.85.

Missionary's Son—Fayette, $2.65.

Visiting Minister—Pleasant Hill, $5.00.

Pastor's Salary—Fellowship, $10.00; Pleasant Home, $10.00.

Lit. F.—Fellowship, $1.00; Pleasant Hill, $1.00 Port Gibson, $1.65; Unity, $1.00; Fayette, $1.10.

Totals—Fellowship, $146.65; Hermanville, $35.15; Pleasant Hill, $71.75; Port Gibson, $138.30; Red Lick, $25.00; Unity, $6.25; Fayette, $163.80.

Tithers—Pleasant Hill, 1; Port Gibson, 1; Fayette, 5.

Total amount, $586.90.

Amount of increase over last year, $213.90.

Unity organized June 4th.

We realize that a great work lies before us, and consider it a privilege to have an opportunity to labor in the vineyard of our Lord and Master.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. L. POSEY, Associational Supt.

APPENDIX H.—REPORT ON HOSPITALS.

Mississippi Baptists own the Baptist Hospital at Jackson, Miss., and in conjunction with the Baptists of Tennessee and Arkansas own the Baptist Hospital at Memphis, Tennessee.

The Baptist Hospital at Memphis has been in existence several years longer than the one at Jackson. Their expenses this year, given to charity, amounts to $15,000. They have installed this year a doctor's dressing room, costing more than $600. a new kitchen, costing nearly $1,000; a new well and reservoir, costing $4,300, and paid off a bond issue of $15,000. They are paying $125 a month rent for a nurses'

home. Donations to the Hospital this year from different ones have amounted to only $750. They have collected for the new wing about $3,000 and there is still due on old subscriptions to the Hospital something over $65,000. They have admitted since January 1, 1916, 2,793 patients, of which number 925 were from Mississippi, 1,104 from Tennessee, 212 from Arkansas, and 547 from other States.

Religiously, they were as follows: Baptists, 805; Methodists, 658; Presbyterians, 246; Episcopalians, 158; Catholics, 90; Jewish, 123; Christians, 116; other religions, 19; none, 467; not recorded, 95.

This is an institution of large proportions and needs and deserves the hearty support of every Baptist in the three States.

The total number of patients from August 1, 1915, to August 1, 1916, was 700. Number of charity patients, 73; number of part charity patients, 53.

Total amount collected, $15,899.78.

The expense account averages about $1,500 per month.

When the patients are able to pay their hospital bill, and not their doctor bill, the hospital will get the doctor who will give his services free. They make reduced rates if parties are not able to pay full rates, whether they know the parties or not. This institution should receive the active support of every member of this Association. When a man is sick he can be reached by a Christian doctor or nurse as at no other time. Until a few years ago this work had been left almost exclusively to the Catholics. Let us support these institutions with our influence, our prayers and our money.

S. E. DUDLEY.

APPENDIX I.

We, your Finance Committee, beg to report that we have collected and turned over to the Treasurer the following amounts:

State Missions	$10.35
Home Missions	5.75
Ministerial Relief	6.81
Associational Purposes	41.25
	$64.16

October 27, 1916. H. L. COLEMAN, Chairman.

APPENDIX J.

Hermanville, Miss., October 27, 1916.

To Union Baptist Association:

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg to recommend the following nominations:

Standing Committees:

Missions—Rev. S. R. Young.
Orphanage—E. W. Davis.
Sunday Schools—J. D. Wallace.
Ministerial Relief—J. V. May.
Prohibition—H. L. Coleman.
Christian Education—L. L. Posey.
Family Worship—Edgar Edwards.
B. Y. P. U.—Mrs. A. M. Stewart.
W. M. U.—Mrs. L. L. Posey.

We recommend as delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, Bro. J. N. Miller. Alternate, Dr. J. V. May.

Time of Meeting—Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1917.
Place of Meeting—Beech Grove.
To preach the Sermon—J. N. Miller.

Respectfully submitted,
EDGAR EDWARDS.
S. E. DUDLEY.

APPENDIX K.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Union Baptist Association—I beg to make report on finances of the Association as follows:

Received September 24, 1915, $42.50. Paid to Rev. T. C. Summers on September 25, 1915, $42.50.

Would recommend the churches pay more money for associational expenses, as I know the money for the last two years did not pay the expenses.

Respectfully submitted,
C. L. YOUNG, Treasurer.

OUR DEAD.

Antioch—W. R. Schott, M. M. Herrington.

Hermanville—Mrs. A. L. Chapman, Mrs. R. A. Bryan.

New Providence—Mrs. Baily, Archie Pitman, Dr. Mullen.

Port Gibson—Mrs. Henry Hudson.

Rodney—Mrs. Lizzie Price, W. B. Thompson.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH

—of the—

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Adopted First Session, September 18, 1820.

PREAMBLE.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, are convinced of the utility of a combination of churches and of maintaining a correspondence for a preservation of our union among churches of the same faith and order; we therefore agree to form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz.:

I. We believe in one triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

II We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only true rules of faith and practice.

III. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, in imputation of his sin to all posterity, the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

IV. We believe that God has loved His people with an everlasting love; and that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

V. We believe that there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ, who by the satisfaction He made to law, and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath by His most precious blood redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law, that they might be holy and without blame before Him in love.

VI. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidence of a gracious state, and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

VII. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers, who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another by the will of God, and have covenanted to keep up a godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the gospel

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church—the only law giver—and the government is with the church.

3. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His

second coming.

4. That immersion of the body in water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is the only Scriptural baptism, as taught by Christ and His apostles.

5. That none but regularly baptized church members, who live a holy life, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. That it is the privilege and duty of all believers to make a public profession of their faith by submitting themselves subjects of baptism and as members of the visible church.

7. That it is the duty of every regularly organized church to expel from her communion all disorderly and immoral members, or those who hold doctrine contrary to the Scripture.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches of our Union shall compose the Association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with members in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. Delegates thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the "Union Baptist Association."

4. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by the majority of the members present, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into this union they shall petition by letter and delegates, If received, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship. The Association shall always have the power to receive or reject applicants for membership.

6. No church in this union shall have a right to more than three delegates, unless she shall exceed one hundred members, then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every additional fifty members.

7. Every query sent to the Association by any church in the union shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator, as to whether it shall be debated, and if there be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided, always, that these questions be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person making it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except he depart from the subject, break the rules of decorum or cast reflections upon a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Moderator. Speeches of committees presenting reports shall be limited to fifteen minutes, and others to ten minutes.

12. No brother shall finally depart from the conference without leave of the Moderator.

13. All reports to this body shall be sent up in writing.

14. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question that may be debated, provided, however, the chair be previously filled, but shall have the privilege of voting only when the Associa-

tion is equally divided.

15. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association deems expedient.

16. We think it actually necessary to have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as it may think proper, and send them by its delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Association appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all of the money by him received, and paid out according to direction of same.

17. The name of the delegate shall appear upon the minutes of this Association who absents himself before adjournment without leave of absence from the Association.

18. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association closes.

POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. It shall be the business of the Association to provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence, when convenient, with other associations of the same faith and order.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in its power in difficult matters; to inquire into any difficulties that may exist between sister churches and remove them, if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, but not to give them the privilege of voting.

6. The Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the union which may be unsound of principle, or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have the power to adjourn at any time to any place it may deem proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches	Associational Purposes	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Other Objects	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Value Church Property	Colleges and Schools	Judson Memorial	Hospitals	Christian Education
Antioch	$1 60	$70 00	$40 00	$15 00	$	$	$	$ 6 40	$	$	$ 2 15	$	$	$	$ 750 00	$	$	$	$
Beech Grove	5 00	100 00			15 35			2 75	2 00	6 20	2 00	4 55			700 00				
Brushy Fork	4 55	100 00		7 00		3 00			11 50	11 50			3 00		700 00				
Bethesda																			
Center Chapel																			
Elmo	3 25	41 45			35 00			4 35	5 75						750 00				
Fayette	3 00	200 00	25 00		104 85	62 52	18 00	68 37	60 10	128 75	34 95	6 00				100 00	68 00	5 00	
Fellowship	3 50	125 00			25 00		5 00	23 50	15 00	20 00	88 90	16 25			842 00				12 00
Hermanville	5 00	400 00	45 00	32 50	66 15	61 70		37 00	46 40	39 65	52 15	14 00			2250 00		8 00		
Martin	2 00														600 00				
New Providence		75 00	40 00		10 00			5 15	3 25	3 22	3 05				14 00				
Piedmont	2 50	50 00													800 00				
Pleasant Hill	7 25	200 00	50 00	5 55	44 20	10 00		25 30	28 74	25 14		7 00			12 00				7 50
Port Gibson	3 00	200 00	25 00	25 82	51 35	29 57	6 00	28 85	20 75	39 00		12 50			100 00	45 50	7 50	14 50	5 00
Unity	2 50	125 00	110 00	9 00				10 00	10 00	10 00		13 00			700 00				
Red Lick		200 00	355 21		35 00	12 00	10 00	19 10	24 38	12 12		7 00			1075 00				
*Rodney		150 00					10 25	10 00	11 00						100 00				

*The record having been destroyed by fire, a full report could not be obtained.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches	Pastors	Postoffice	Clerks	Postoffice	S. S. Superintendent	Postoffice	Secretary	Postoffice	Increase				Decrease				Present Membership	No. Pupils in S. School	No. Officers and Teachers
									Letter	Rest'n	Baptism	Total	Letter	Exclusion	Death	Total			
Antioch	R. L. Bridges	Monticello	A. G. Bishop	Glaucy							1	1	5		2	7	70		
Beech Grove	S. R. Young	Pattison	C. L. Young	Violet	C. A. McAmis	Violet	E. Shannon	Peyton			1	1	6			6	103	30	40
Brushy Fork	Cole	Clinton	R. B. Greenlee	Conn	C. C. Coen	Conn	Maude Coleman	Conn					1			1	31	12	4
Bethesda																			
Center Chapel																			
Elmo	W. E. Delaney	Perth	A. E. Thompson	Perth	J. A. Dorsey	Oldenburg	Henry Porter	Oldenburg	11		17	28					56	26	6
Fayette	M. O. Patterson	Clinton	W. O. Case	Fayette	L. L. Posey	Fayette			3		13	16					36	49	5
Fellowship	D. W. McLeod	Port Gibson	Edgar Edwards	Lorman							1	1	1			1	38		
Hermanville	N. A. Edmond	Utica	S. E. Dudley	Hermanville	H. L. Coleman	Hermanville	C. W. McMurchy	Hermanville	10		3	13	4		2	6	133	68	9
Martin	Richardson	Clinton	F. E. Herring	Pattison													28		
New Providence	S. R. Young	Pattison	F. M. Davis	Allen													19		
Piedmont	M. Stroud		F. M. Currie	Union Church	F. M. Currie	Union Church	Bertie Cupit	Union Church	2			2	2			2	62	40	5
Pleasant Hill	J. N. Miller	Allen	W. W. Furr	Allen	W. H. Theadford	Allen	Luvella McKiney	Allen			2	2	7			7	186	75	7
Port Gibson	D. W. McLeod	Port Gibson	E. W. Davis	Port Gibson	Dr. J. V. May	Port Gibson	D. W. Clark	Port Gibson	17		14	31	7		1	8	89	38	8
Unity	J. N. Miller	Allen	B. S. Herrington	Violet	J. A. Holder	Violet	Bertha Holder	Violet	1	2	2	5	4			4	64	11	4
Red Lick	J. N. Miller	Allen	Grace Slay	Red Lick	W. P. Sanders	Red Lick	H. M. Dunn	Red Lick	4		1	5	2			2	22	54	6
Rodney	D. W. McLeod	Port Gibson	T. W. Nelson	Westside													38		

W. M. U. STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches	President	Postoffice	Secretary	Postoffice	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	College	Home Uses	Home Missions	Christmas Offering	Hospitals	Christian Education	Training School	March Week of Prayer	Jubilate	Charity	Box to For. Missionary	Missionary's Son	Visiting Ministers	Pastor's Salary	Literature Fund	Totals	Tithers
					$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$		$	$	$	$	$	
Elmo	Annie Austin	Perth			16 00	22 50	6 00	10 00	14 35		4 25	5 00	10 00	8 50	2 60	36 00	18 00	$6 85	2 65			1 00	163 80	1
Fayette	Mrs. J. D. Stewart	Fayette			8 50	10 00	5 00		87 65	7 50			10 00	2 00			5 00			10 00		1 00	146 65	
Fellowship	Mrs. J. W. Drane	Lorman				3 00	13 75			13 90		3 00			1 50								35 15	
Hermanville	Mrs. W. F. Gordon	Hermanville																		5 00	10 00	1 00	71 75	
Piedmont	Jennie Smith	Union Church			5 00	10 00	5 00		20 75	5 00		2 50		7 50								1 65	138 30	1
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. J. N. Miller	Allen			7 50	8 70	17 00	3 00	83 25	7 70		4 50	5 00	2 50		2 50						1 00	6 25	
Port Gibson	Mrs. J. V. May	Port Gibson	Mrs. M. H. Rogers	Port Gibson	2 50	1 00			1 75														25 00	
Unity	Bertha Holder	Violet							20 00	5 00														
Red Lick	Mrs. H. M. Dunn	Red Lick																						

	Pastor's Salary	Literature Fund	Totals	Tithers
	$	$	$	
		1 00	163 80	1
		1 00	146 65	
			35 15	
	10 00	1 00	71 75	
		1 65	138 30	1
		1 00	6 25	
			25 00	

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OFFICERS.

MODERATOR, L. L. Posey, Fayette, Miss.
CLERK, D. W. McLeod, Port Gibson, Miss.
TREASURER, C. L. Young, Violet, Miss.